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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR SOLAIM ON JOINT COMMISSION TRAVEL

1. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SOLAIM FROM BOWDEN.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AS YOU RECALL, DURING THE COMMISSION
MEETING LAST WEEK, WE DISCUSSED SENDING A SMALL TEAM TO
SAUDI ARABIA TO ASSIST IN SETTING UP THE U.S. SIDE OF
THE JOINT COMMISSION OFFICE AND TO WORK ON TRUST ACCOUNT
MATTERS.

I THINK IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST TO GET THE RIYADH
OFFICE AND THE TRUST ACCOUNT INTO FULL OPERATION AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THEREFORE, I PROPOSE TO SEND HUGH MCFADDEN AND STEPHEN
HAYES, (FROM MY STAFF) AND HENRY HAPPEL (OF OUR GENERAL
COUNSEL'S OFFICE) TO RIYADH LATER THIS MONTH. WE ARE
TENTATIVELY PLANNING THAT THEY WILL ARRIVE IN JIDDA
ON THE 21ST, TALK WITH OUR EMBASSY PEOPLE ON THE 22ND
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AND ARRIVE IN RIYADH THAT EVENING. I ANTICIPATE THAT

THESE THREE WOULD STAY IN RIYADH THROUGH THE 27TH AND
CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

I. TRUST ACCOUNT

1. DISCUSS AND DEVELOP MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOW-
ING ITEMS WITH YOU AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERN-
MENT:

A. INITIAL DEPOSIT IN THE TRUST ACCOUNT (INCLUDING
DEPOSIT PROCEDURES, TIME-FRAME AND AMOUNT FOR INITIAL
DEPOSIT).

B. PROCEDURES FOR USG -- SAG CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED
PROJECTS.

C. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING PROJECT COST ESTIMATES
TO THE SAG.

D. PROCEDURES FOR SAG TRANSMITTING APPROVAL OF COST
ESTIMATES AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND TRUST ACCOUNT
FUNDS.

E. PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH COST OVER-RUNS.

F. PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING PERIODIC ACCOUNT STATEMENTS
TO THE SAG (AS REQUIRED BY THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT).

G. SAUDI PAYMENT FOR USG EXPENSES INCURRED PRIOR TO
THE SIGNING OF THE TCA.

2. DEVELOP A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH
WILL COVER INFORMAL AGREEMENTS MADE ON THE ABOVE ISSUES.

II. JOINT COMMISSION OFFICE

1. INVESTIGATE HOUSING FOR U.S. REPRESENTATION STAFF
PERSONNEL AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS, AND WORK WITH YOU TO
IDENTIFY AND RESERVE SUCH HOUSING.
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2. INVESTIGATE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S.
STAFF PERSONNEL AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND MAKE ARRANGE-
MENTS, AS NECESSARY, FOR TRANSPORTATION.

3. REVIEW OFFICE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS AND DEVELOP A
MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PLAN OF ACTION FOR PROCURING ANY
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

4. SURVEY OFFICE SPACE PROVIDED FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION STAFF IN LIGHT OF THE CONTEMPLATED SIZE OF THE U.S. COMPONENT. DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED.
5. DISCUSS VISA AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES FOR U.S. STAFF AND EXPERTS AND FOR OPERATIONS BY U.S. REPRESENTATION.

IF YOU AGREE WITH THIS PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION, I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH DETAILED TRAVEL PLANS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER ISSUES WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED DURING THIS VISIT.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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